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John A. Rollison III
Advisory Panel Chair
1401 East Broad Street, Third Floor
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Dear Mr. Rollison:

After careful review of your letter of November 8, 2005, and the supporting documentation, I am directing VDOT to enter into negotiations with Fluor-Transurban under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995, as amended, for improvements to approximately 56 miles of highway on I-95/395 from the 14th Street Bridge to Massaponax.

The findings and policy recommendations included in your letter will be taken into consideration during the negotiation process. Moreover, based on the Advisory Panel's recommendation on suggested actions prior to construction, I am further directing VDOT to first negotiate an interim agreement to require the completion of an investment grade toll revenue study, the development of a toll operation / enforcement plan, and any other actions that will facilitate negotiating the final agreement.

VDOT will continue to comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act.

I want to thank you and the other members of the Advisory Panel for your diligence and dedication to improving the transportation system of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Whirley

cc: The Honorable Pierce R. Homer
Mr. Herb Morgan